

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:

Shinya KANO

Serial Number: NEW

Filed: January 15, 2002

For: THREE-DIMENSIONAL CAD SYSTEM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 15, 2002

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend Claim 4 to read as follows:

-- 4 (Amended) The three-dimensional CAD system according to claim 1, wherein:

the first part has a relationship to refer to the second part and, when only the first part of these parts is integrated;

data that the identification ID of the second part is unnecessary is stored, and the identification IDs of both of the parts are changed;

the identification ID of the second part is deleted according to the stored data; and

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the reference relationship is changed so that the first part refers to another part. --

Please add the following new claims:

-- 5 The three-dimensional CAD system according to claim 2, wherein:  
the first part has a relationship to refer to the second part and, when only the first part of these parts is integrated;  
data that the identification ID of the second part is unnecessary is stored, and the identification IDs of both of the parts are changed;  
the identification ID of the second part is deleted according to the stored data; and  
the reference relationship is changed so that the first part refers to another part. --

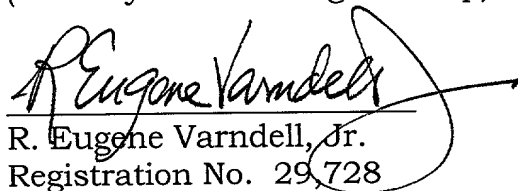
-- 6 The three-dimensional CAD system according to claim 3, wherein:  
the first part has a relationship to refer to the second part and, when only the first part of these parts is integrated;  
data that the identification ID of the second part is unnecessary is stored, and the identification IDs of both of the parts are changed;  
the identification ID of the second part is deleted according to the stored data; and  
the reference relationship is changed so that the first part refers to another part. --

REMARKS

In the foregoing amendments, Claim 4 was amended to remove multiple dependent claims, and Claims 5 and 6 were added. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned **"VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."** Early consideration and allowance of Claims 1-6 are respectfully requested.

In the event any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this application, it is respectfully requested that such fees be charged to our Deposit Account No. 22-0256.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 4 was amended as follows:

-- 4 (Amended) The three-dimensional CAD system according to claim 1[, 2 or 3], wherein:

the first part has a relationship to refer to the second part and, when only the first part of these parts is integrated;

data that the identification ID of the second part is unnecessary is stored, and the identification IDs of both of the parts are changed;

the identification ID of the second part is deleted according to the stored data; and

the reference relationship is changed so that the first part refers to another part. --